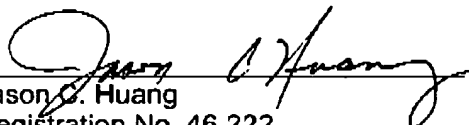


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Applicant would like to note that a Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) was previously filed on February 4, 2005 to remove Mr. James E. Chitwood as a co-inventor. However, Applicant believes that the procedure under 1.48(b) may not have been the proper procedure for removing Mr. James E. Chitwood because he did not contribute to any of the original or pending claims. Mr. James E. Chitwood is erroneously listed as a co-inventor in the original application because the oath/declaration, which lists Mr. Banning Vail and Mr. James E. Chitwood as co-inventors, from the direct parent application was submitted in the instant application. Therefore, Applicant submits this Petition under 1.48(a) to request removal of Mr. James E. Chitwood as co-inventor.

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- ☐ divisional
- ☒ continuation
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CEMENTING DRILL STRINGS IN PLACE FOR ONE PASS DRILLING AND COMPLETION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which:

- ☐ is filed herewith
- ☒ was filed on October 2, 2003, under Serial No. 10/678,738, Confirmation No. 6117; or
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- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____; or
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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This application is a continuation of 10/162,302, filed on June 4, 2002, now Patent 6,868,906;

which is a CIP of 09/487,197 filed on January 19, 2000, now Patent 6,397,946;

which is a CIP of 09/295,808 filed on April 20, 1999, now Patent 6,263,987;

which is a CIP of 08/708,396 filed on September 3, 1996, now Patent 5,894,897;

which is a CIP of 08/323,152 filed on October 14, 1994, now Patent 5,551,521;

Application 10/162,302 further claims benefit of 60/313,654 filed on August 19, 2001;

and 60/353,457, filed on January 31, 2002;

and 60/387,638, filed on March 26, 2002;

and 60/384,964, filed on June 3, 2002.

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION
TO ORIGINAL NAMED INVENTOR(S), AND STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR
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